SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

Rs. 138—8—4 under "17—Law and Justice—B2—District Courts—Refunds."

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—Sir, I move for a Supplementary Grant of Rs. 138—8—4 under "17 Law and Justice—B-2—District Courts—Refunds". The reason why this application is made has been stated in the Notes of the Standing Finance Committee which has been circulated to all the Members. Recently the scale of allowances to be paid to Official Receivers attached to District Courts had to be revised so as to make the allowance a little more fair to the receivers, and eventually in cases where large sums were involved to make the distribution more equitable. These revised orders necessitated that a certain amount should be paid to the ex-official receivers. This expenditure could not have been anticipated at the time of the budget. So it could be met only by a supplementary grant. I request that the additional allotment may be passed.

Grant was put and carried.

Rs. 5,600 under "29—Public Works-A — Civil Engineering—Building Repairs."

Mr. V. K Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 5,600 under '29—Public Works-A—Civil Engineering—Building Repairs.' The old Munsiff's Court building in Ernakulam is now in a dilapidated condition and if it is allowed to continue in this condition it will practically become useless and the result would be a serious loss. It is therefore proposed to effect the necessary repairs to this building for being used as the Maharaja's College Christian Hostel. The work is estimated to cost Rs. 5,600. There is no provision for this in the current year's budget. Savings are also not available for reappropriation. The work has to be taken urgently so that the building may be ready for occupation at the time of the reopening of the College after the Midsummer holidays. I therefore request the House to grant the additional allotment.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudy)*.— On a point of information, may I know why the Government could not anticipate this at the time of the budget?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The question of shifting the hostel to that building was taken up only after the framing of the budget.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—But the Chief Engineer stated that the Government would suffer a great loss. Was this information got only just now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindhaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Government had realised that this building was not in a good condition, and that sooner or later it would certainly have to be repaired; but the use to which it has to be put to was not decided. Then the question of shifting the hostel came up for consideration and it was considered advisable to take this opportunity to repair the building and to shift the Christian Hostel before the reopening of the College.

Grant was put and carried.

Rs. 240 under "36—Miscellaneous— A —Durbar Hall— Miscellaneous".

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 240 under '36—Miscellaneous—A—Durbar Hall—Miscellaneous'. This is required to repair and paint some of the rattan chairs of the Durbar Hall. The original idea was to auction them away, but it was found that if they were repaired they could be used for some more years. There is no provision for this in the current year's budget. Savings also are not available for reappropriation. An additional allotment of Rs. 240 is therefore necessary.

Grant was put and carried.

Rs. 1,000 by transfer from '2—Agriculture—6—Maintenance of Gardens" to "20—Education—2—Collegiate Education".

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I request for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 by transfer from '2—Agriculture—6—maintenance of Gardens—other charges" to "20—Education—2—Collegiate Education—Field Games Allowance." This amount is rendered absolutely necessary because the very small allotment for the purposes of games is quite insufficient and it will be very undesirable that games activities should be held up to a great extent if further allotment is not given. The amount is to be met by transfer from another

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